

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1557 - HB 1564

March 9, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires that all contracts for collecting and hauling solid waste be source separated by the customer or the hauler before taken to a Class I landfill. Directs the Department of Environment and Conservation to provide planning models for alternatives for safe processing and composting wastes within counties for rural, suburban and urban areas.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000/Permissive

Other Fiscal Impact – To the extent that local governments choose to require contracted waste haulers to separate wastes prior to landfilling, there will be a permissive increase in local government expenditures due to the increased cost to the haulers which they can reasonably be expected to pass along to the local government. To the extent that local governments choose to require customers to separate wastes, there will be a minimal impact on local government expenditures.

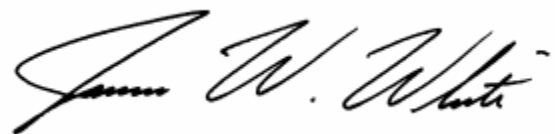
Additionally, if local governments require customers to separate the wastes, there would be a permissive decrease in local government expenditures due to the reduction in the amount of waste hauled by and the amount paid to landfill operators to dispose of the waste. To the extent that governments operate landfills, there will be a permissive reduction in revenues due to the decreased volume of waste disposed of at such facilities. The amount of the potential increase in local government expenditures or decreases in local government revenues and expenditures cannot be determined but all are estimated to be significant.

Assumption:

- Local governments could incur the cost of a recycling program. The increase in local government expenditures resulting from such a program is estimated to exceed \$100,000 statewide.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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